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WASHINGTON'S MOST POWERFUL.

Fletcher Knebel, the resourceful Washington correspondent of the Minneapolis Tribune, has written a piece on the ten most powerful men in Washington. The actual evaluation was made by 50 national organizations which have headquarters or important offices in the nation's capital.

Here is the list, in descending order: President Eisenhower, Sam Rayburn, Treasury Secretary Humphrey, Sherman Adams, Secretary of State Dulles, Defense Secretary Wilson, Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas, Sen. Walter George of Georgia, Vice President Nixon and Attorney General Brownell.

The president wins by a good margin, compiling 401 points on the rating board. Speaker Rayburn had 319, Mr. Humphrey 267, Mr. Adams 245, Mr. Dulles 204, Mr. Wilson 111, Majority Leader Johnson 104, Senator George 86, Vice President Nixon 83, and Mr. Brownell 77.

Former Speaker Joseph W. Martin, jr., of Massachusetts, house minority leader, topped the second ten. Wisconsin's Senator McCarthy who in the year B. C. (before censure) would probably have been high in the first division, was far down the list. He almost escaped mention, finishing 67th.

There were some surprises. Walter Reuther, president of the C. I. O., was rated 29th and, were the survey to be made this week, his might be an even loftier place. Allen W. Dulles, head of the super-secret C. I. A., may have a professional passion for anonymity, but this did not prevent his finishing a relatively high 44th.

Apparently unseeded was New York's former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, and this, we think, was a mistake. His power around Washington, we would conjecture, is much greater than is obvious.